(5) The holding of another E. S. L. C. Examination under the Provisional Scheme.

(*b*) A scheme for medical inspection was approved by the Board. The Board reiterated its desire that the proposals regarding the lengthening of the primary course and the transformation of Vernacular Middle Schools should be introduced as early as possible. The Board agreed to the payment of full compensation by Government for the grant of fee concessions when Government funds permitted. The Board recommended an extension of the fee concession system to depressed class pupils in all institutions. The Board recommended a restriction in the grant of fee concessions to poor and deserving pupils. The Board approved of the proposals of special grant-in-aid to depressed class pupils and Muslim girls in Vernacular Schools. The Board did not approve of the holding of another examination under the Provisional Scheme.

(*c*) The recommendations of the Board are under consideration.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know from the member whether all the recommendations of the Advisory Board are under consideration of Government?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The answer to questions 63 and 64 will show that a number of the recommendations have already been accepted by Government. Those that have not been accepted by Government are under consideration.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*): May I know from the member whether those recommendations accepted by the Government have been given effect to?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Education Reforms Committee and management schools.

59. ***MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any of the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee, referring to management schools, have been placed before the Education Advisory Board;

(*b*) if so, what were the recommendations adopted by the Board; and

(*c*) whether such recommendations were put into force?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The following recommendations have been discussed by the Education Advisory Board:—

(i) Co-education in Primary Schools.
(ii) Mixed staffs in Primary Schools.
(iii) The extension of the primary course to five years.
(iv) The recognition of primary classes attached to English Schools.

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(v) The recognition of Kindergarten and Nursery Schools.

(vi) The transformation of Vernacular Middle Schools into Vocational Bias Schools.

(vii) The introduction of vocational subjects in the E. S. L. C. course and the introduction of special subjects of study in Girls' High Schools.

(viii) The adjustment of school hours for Vernacular Schools.

(ix) The appointment of local Attendance Committees for Primary Schools.

(x) The adoption of the vernacular as the medium of instruction in English Schools.

(xi) The recommendations regarding religious instruction.

(xii) Compulsory manual work in English Schools.

(xiii) Medical inspection in Vernacular Schools.

(xiv) The payment of full compensation for fee concessions to aided school managements.

(xv) The rules governing the grant of fee concessions.

(xvi) Special grant-in-aid for depressed class pupils and Muslim girls.

(*b*) The Board accepted recommendations (i) to (x). The opinion of the Board was divided on item No. (xi). The Board accepted items (xii) and (xiii). In regard to item No. (xiv), the Board was in favour of the payment of full compensation when Government funds permitted. With regard to item No. (xv), the Board recommended an extension of fee concessions to depressed class pupils in all institutions and it also recommended certain restrictions in the grant of fee concessions to students whose progress had not been satisfactory except in the case of the depressed classes. With regard to item No. (xvi), the Board agreed with the proposal.

(*c*) Items Nos. (i), (ii), (iv), (v) and (xi) have been put into force. Item No. (viii) has been put into force in some areas. Items Nos. (iii) and (vi) have been accepted by Government, but, their introduction has been deferred.

Grant-in-aid Libraries.

60. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be please to state:

(*a*) the number of libraries that were allowed grant-in-aid up-to-date (14-3-1110);

(*b*) the principle on which the grant is allowed:

(*c*) the number of applications for grant-in-aid to libraries received in 1109;

(*d*) the number of them sanctioned; and

(*e*) the maximum and the minimum grant allowed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Grants to libraries for 1110 have not been awarded.

(*b*) Grants are awarded in accordance with the rules prescribed by G. O. No. E. 2757, dated the 12th/18th August 1917, as amended

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